

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase application of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/03482, filed on April 3, 2003, which claims priority based on German Patent Application No. 102 16 562.9, filed on April 5, 2002, which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, replace the first paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--The invention relates to a security element as set forth in the classifying portion of claim 1.--~~

On page 2, after line 12, insert the following:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 3, after line 2, insert the following:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

On page 3, after line 22, insert the following:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --.